

Week 3  
7 March - 13 March 2021

## SMALL GROUP WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL



# JESUS clears the Temple Courts

LECTIONARY YEAR B  
17 Feb 2021 - 3 April 2021

Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation  
Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

### THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING WEEKS:

Lectionary year B - Lent and Holy Week – 17 Feb to 3 April

- WEEK 3** Sunday 7 March to Saturday 13 March – Jesus clears the Temple Courts  
Kedibone Mntambo
- WEEK 4 Sunday 14 March to Saturday 20 March – God loved the world – Xhanti Mblubulwana
- WEEK 5 Sunday 21 March to Saturday 27 March – Jesus predicts His death – Thoko Mbense
- WEEK 6 Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday) to Saturday 3 April (Holy Week) – The death of Jesus – Lusi Badi



**THIS WEEK:**  
**Week 3 JESUS CLEARS THE  
TEMPLE COURTS**  
Sunday 7 March to Saturday 13 March

START YOUR DAY WITH  
*Devotionals Daily*

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| Monday | 8 March | Psalm 84; 1 | Kings 6:1-4, 21-22 | 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 |
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**Memory Verse:** Psalm 84: 12 (CEV) Lord God All-Powerful, you bless everyone who trusts you.

**Prayer:** Lord, we know that these words, sobering and searching as they are, have never been sent to us to condemn us, but to encourage us to discover the wholeness of our life. So, heal the hurts of our relationships, and make us loving, compassionate, merciful, and joyful Christians who have found the answers to life in your Word. Help us to be guided and guarded by your Spirit, in Jesus name. Amen.

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| Tuesday | 9 March | Psalm 84; 2 | Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 | Hebrews 9:23-28 |
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**Memory Verse:** Romans 8: 1 (KJV) There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

**Prayer:** Father, I pray that I may learn to rest upon this new arrangement and thus be equipped to enter into every situation, face any circumstance or any problem with the capability coming from you and available to me, Lord I pray. Amen.

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| Wednesday | 10 March | Psalm 84 | Ezra 6:1-16 | Mark 11:15-19 |
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**Memory Verse:** Mark 11:17 My house should be called a place of worship for all nations.

**Prayer:** Lord our God, remind us again and always that we cannot separate our religious belief from our economic and political behaviour, as what we say about you is confirmed or denied in how we treat our neighbour and your resources. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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| Thursday | 11 March | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Genesis 9:8-17 | Ephesians 1:3-6 |
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**Memory Verse:** Romans 5: 8b 'in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.'

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord that we have been reconciled to you through Christ. May my will for my life be aligned to your will for my life so that I may recollect all the spiritual blessings that are mine in Christ Jesus. To you be all might and praise, glory and honour, forever and ever, Amen.

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| Friday | 12 March | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Daniel 12:5-13 | Ephesians 1:7-14 |
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**Memory Verse:** Psalm 107: 20 By the power of his own word, he healed you and saved you from destruction.

**Prayer:** Thank you father for our Lord Jesus. Thank you that in him I am forgiven and redeemed, through your blood. Thank you for extending the riches of your grace and mercy towards me, simply because I believe in him as my redeemer, in whose name I pray, Amen.

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| Saturday | 13 March | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Numbers 20:22-29 | John 3:1-13 |
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**Memory Verse:** John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord, that the truth of who you are is recorded in your holy Word. Open my eyes to see the wonderful things contained in your Word and may I grow in grace and in a knowledge of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to His praise and glory, Amen.

## Sunday 7 March

First Reading: [Exodus 20:1-17](#)  
Psalms: [Psalm 19](#)  
Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)  
Gospel: [John 2:13-22](#)



### John 2:13-22 Jesus clears the temple courts

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me' <sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' <sup>20</sup> They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.



## WORSHIP

All to Jesus I Surrender <https://youtu.be/7x2lpLSfq8>

## FOR REFLECTION:

DAILY DEVOTIONS, REFLECTIONS AND SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY  
REV KEDIBONE MNTAMBO

### **Stop turning my Father's temple into a marketplace!**

The Temple of God becoming a marketplace! what a disgrace! They probably started small and the ball kept growing and growing. The Temple pathway was like a market on market day. I am a temple of God, too. If I do not watch, these little deceivers, pride, sloth, greed, envy, materialism, forms of disguise selfishness often adopt, will sneak in and damage everything. Being incapable of acknowledging who you are in the face of God, is the most dangerous form of spiritually blocked development one can imagine, because this in particular makes people incapable of any improvement or growth.

At the end, you may like to pray, Jesus, you know me well, you know quite well what each person's mind is, so make me realize my own faults, give me strength and a little bit of that zeal of yours so that I can also drive out from my temple all that might appear to separate me from you.



## Small Group Questions:

1. Your body is a temple of God, how do you respect it?  
Umzimba wakho uyithempeli likaMoya oyiNgcwele (funda I KwabaseKorinte 6:19 – 20). Ngabe uwuhlonipha kanjani na umzimba wakho? (IsiZulu)
2. Are my intentions straightforward? Am I willing to fulfil always and in everything God's will?  
Ngabe izinhloso zami zinobuqotho? Ngizimisele yini, ngazo zonke izikhathi, nakukho konke engikwenzayo, ukufeza intando kuNkulunkulu?
3. What does Jesus see in you, is he happy about what he sees?  
Yini uJesu ayibonayo kuwe? Uyakuthokozela yini wena lokho okubonwa nguJesu na?
4. What is it that distracts your attention from your relationship with God, could it be spending and selling?  
Yiziphi izinto eziphazamisa ukunakekela kwakho ngobudlelwane bakho noNkulunkulu? Ingabe ukuhweba (ukuthenga nokuthengisa)
5. What is your Commitment to justice: Are you fully aware to the exploitation of the poor? The mistreatment of the house of God?  
Uzimisele yini ukweza ubulungiswa: Uyakubona ukuxhashazwa kwabampofu na? Uyakubona yini ukuphathwa kabi kwendlu kuNkulunkulu?



Next Week... WEEK 4  
**GOD LOVED THE WORLD**

Xhanti Mblubulwana  
Sunday 14 March to Saturday 20 March



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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**Pray daily:** Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

**Scripture Reading:** [John 2:13-22](#)

Allow children/teens to read out loud for the family.

**Activity/Family Moment:**

Start up a money jar: put spare change in **or** the family each add R1 to the Jar whenever they swear (you're your own challenge?). After lent donate collected money to a charitable cause or buy something for the needy. Maybe keep this going even after Lent?



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